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GW TO HOST NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

"D.C. Geographic Alliance" will Enhance Skills of Local Teachers

The National Geographic Society has named The George Washington University the host site for the D.C. Geographic Alliance, Society President Gilbert M. Grosvenor announced today.

The alliance is part of a \$1.8 million, multi-year initiative launched by the National Geographic Society to help promote geography education in D.C. schools. The Society's Alliance Network extends to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Canada. The alliances bring together professors, teachers, elected officials, companies, foundations and other citizens interested in improving geography educations.

Teachers involved gain a stronger knowledge of not only geography, but also classroom techniques, including the latest classroom technology. They are also required to teach what they have learned to other teachers in their communities.

"We believe that by empowering and exciting classroom teachers, we have the best chance of quickly getting students

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interested and excited about geography," Society President Grosvenor said.

After today's announcement by Grosvenor and D.C. School Board President David Hall, 29 D.C. public school teachers boarded a special "classroom car" of an Amtrak train destined for Colorado, where they will take part in an intensive two-week Summer Geography Institute.

During the two-and-a-half-day train ride to Colorado, the teachers will use the view from their windows to learn the geography of landscapes and topographical mapping. Institute Coordinator Kay Sandmeier of the National Geographic Society and Southwest Texas State University Geography Professor Brock Brown will be the instructors.

Cynthia Jacobs, of the GW Office of Marketing and Continuing Education, will coordinate the D.C. Alliance. GW will contribute in-kind services, including office space and support staff, to the program. Additionally, Jacobs will be part of the Summer Geography Institute in Colorado.

The National Geographic initiative is supported by grants and in-kind contributions from The J. Willard Marriott Foundation, Chevy Chase Savings Bank, The Allbritton Foundation, Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, Society President Grosvenor, The Acacia Group, The Hattie M. Strong Foundation and Amtrak.

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**GW'S SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL CLINIC AND
ARENT FOX JOIN FORCES TO AID THE BARNABAS SELF EMPLOYMENT FUND,
THE FIRST NONPROFIT MICROLOAN PROGRAM IN D.C.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The George Washington National Law Center (NLC) Small Business Clinic has joined forces with Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn in providing legal assistance to Jubilee Jobs, a local non-profit employment service, in establishing the Barnabas Self-Employment Fund, a microloan program for inner city residents. Loans will be available for entrepreneurial ventures helping recipients develop economic self-sufficiency.

Participants in the microloan program will be chosen from the applicant pool of Jubilee Jobs, which locates entry-level positions for inner city poor, the homeless, recovering substance abusers, ex-offenders and new immigrants. Since 1981, Jubilee Jobs has placed more than 6,000 persons in permanent employment.

Loan amounts will start at \$500 and can increase to \$2,000. Borrowers committed to starting their own businesses participate in peer groups comprising five or more people which provide business training and support. "Microenterprises, businesses that are capitalized with under \$5,000, are an important new concept for inner city revitalization and self-employment initiatives in communities where formal job opportunities are limited," said NLC Small Business Clinic Director Susan Jones.

The pilot program will contain three groups of five to fifteen participants. After a loan is made, each group of recipients will continue to meet bi-monthly to monitor progress and provide group members with personal and business support. Members will also agree to contribute to a savings program or "rainy day fund" which will be used in the event of cash flow problems.

The Small Business Clinic is part of the NLC Community Legal Clinics program which was established in 1971, and provides pro-bono legal services to the local community. The Clinics conduct programs in administrative law, appellate litigation, consumer protection, general civil litigation, immigration, landlord-tenant relations, older American's benefits, and small business law. All of the Clinics' services are available to Spanish-speaking residents of the area through the program's bilingual attorneys and students.

As part of a semester-long project beginning in January, 1993, GW law students began research on such topics as federal tax (exemption) and regulatory requirements for establishing a microloan fund; non-profit status for the fund; procedure for obtaining a D.C. money lender's license; alternative dispute resolution mechanisms for lending groups (mediation, arbitration and small claims court); analysis of contracts between lenders and borrowers; liability of money lenders; availability of federal and local waivers for loan recipients enrolled in public entitlement programs; and local legal and business training programs and materials designed to reach the inner-city borrower.

The Barnabas Fund Program is based on a microloan program designed by Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, which has been successful in helping people work their way out of extreme poverty in the Third World. The Grameen Bank has been a model for microloan programs throughout the United States. The Small Business Administration and the Department of Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement have recently started large-scale microloan programs.



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GW AMONG TOP UNIVERSITIES IN MINORITY GRADUATES, REPORT SAYS

"Black Issues in Higher Education" Survey Ranks GW in Multiple Categories

The George Washington University is among the nation's leading institutions of higher education in graduating minority students, according to a recent survey by Black Issues in Higher Education, a national publication that covers minority issues in the nation's colleges and universities.

The survey places GW among the top fifty institutions in ten categories, including the number of law and doctoral degrees awarded. More than 15 percent (58) of the doctoral degrees conferred by GW during the time of the survey went to members of minority groups, placing the University at number 18 among all the institutions in the study. GW's National Law Center is ranked 28th in the nation, with 8.6 percent, or 35 of its 1990 graduates, belonging to a minority group.

The survey divides minority groups into four categories: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Asian Islanders/Pacific Islanders, and provides figures for each minority group as well as aggregate numbers for all minority groups.

GW's 164 African American master's degree recipients in all disciplines in 1990--62 men and 102 women--and 22 African American Ph.D.'s--ten men and 12 women--place the University among the nation's top thirty in awarding advanced degrees to African Americans. The institution's 50 math, computer science and engineering master's degree recipients of Asian or Pacific descent ranked the University eighth in the U.S. They represented more than ten percent of GW's 1990 graduates at the master's level in those areas. And with 280 Asian Americans or Pacific Islanders earning master's degrees, GW placed sixth.

The survey was conducted by Cox, Matthews and Associates, the Fairfax, Va.-based publisher of "Black Issues in Higher Education." It is based on data for the 1989-90 academic year collected for the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, and represents 5,802 postsecondary institutions in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Only students holding American citizenship or permanent resident status in the U.S. were counted.

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**NEW JOURNAL EDITED BY GW TERRORISM EXPERT YONAH ALEXANDER
ADDRESSES PROBLEMS FACED BY OPPRESSED GROUPS WORLDWIDE**

**First Edition of 'International Journal on Group Rights'
Includes Essays on Bosnia, South Africa
and Central and Eastern Europe**

A quarterly journal dedicated to encouraging the peaceful resolution of group tensions throughout the world has begun publication with research professor Yonah Alexander of The George Washington University as editor-in-chief. The "International Journal on Group Rights" focuses on the plight of those who face persecution because of their ethnicity, religion, race, culture, language or other characteristics.

"The mere existence of a group with certain characteristics which differ markedly from those of a predominant majority ... does not in itself lead inevitably to latent or active factional antagonism," writes Prof. Alexander in the editor's note. "Only if a self-conscious group that desires to preserve its distinctiveness, traditions and satisfactory development is subjected to discrimination, forced assimilation, violence or other oppressive acts ... is a 'minority problem' created."

The journal's inaugural issue, published this month, contains articles by scholars and officials from the United States, Austria, Canada, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and the United Nations. Groups in Central and Eastern Europe, South Africa, Bosnia are among those discussed.

"The fate of the Kurdish people, the fight of indigenous peoples all around the world for their very survival ... point at a serious shortcoming of present international law," asserts Manfred Nowak of the Austrian Federal Academy of Administration in Vienna.

Konrad Huber and Rob Zaagman, of the Office of the High Commissioner of CSCE, in The Hague, Netherlands, note that international cooperation with regard to the protection of individual and group rights is vital. "With the conclusion of milestone human rights agreements in the immediate aftermath of the Cold War, a new emphasis on conflict prevention, crisis management and peacekeeping has now developed," they write. "National minority issues, especially in the context of growing inter-ethnic tensions, have gained greater recognition as a source of possible conflicts. CSCE has increasingly sought to respond proactively to these potentially destabilizing circumstances."

Maxwell Yalden, chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, writes that Canada is becoming more receptive to groups with off-center perspectives. "Both the (Canadian) Charter (of Rights and Freedoms) and the (Canadian Human Rights) Act ... envisage the possibility of equity programs for members of disadvantaged groups," he says.

B.G. Ramcharan, of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, discusses the U.N.'s commitment to human rights. "A fact of life of the post-cold war world is the assertion of the right to self-determination.... Group rights or collective rights are not incompatible with the intellectual history of human rights," he says. "[T]he United Nations Declaration (on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities) states that persons belonging to minorities have the right to participate effectively in cultural, religious, social, economic and public life."

Adds Hurst Hannum of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts: "[C]urrent developments at both the regional and global levels ... are beginning to identify minority rights with much greater precision.... The most significant protections for minorities are those found at the national level."

Also in the inaugural issue of the International Journal on Group Rights is a review of Michael M. Gunter's 1990 book, "The Kurds in Turkey: A Political Dilemma." In his book, Gunter links the present Kurdish situation with political instability in Turkey since the 1950s, according to reviewer Norman Frankel.

Prof. Alexander is supported by a distinguished Board of Editors and an International Advisory Board, including Prof. Elie Wiesel (Boston University), U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Dr. Madeleine Albright (Georgetown University), Dr. B.G. Ramcharan (U.N. Secretariat), Prof. Yoram Dinstein (President, Tel Aviv University), Prof. Seymour Martin Lipset (Stanford University) and Prof. Thomas Buergenthal (National Law Center, The George Washington University). Other members of the advisory board are drawn from academic institutions in Austria, Germany, Nigeria, Norway, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Uganda and the United Kingdom. With the help of this multinational team, Prof. Alexander hopes that the journal will "establish itself as a thought-provoking and intellectually stimulating forum for scholars, policy-makers and others concerned with the challenge of group rights to international security."

The International Journal on Group Rights is published by Martinus Nijhoff Publishers in the Netherlands. Prof. Alexander may be contacted at The George Washington University, Gelman Library 622B, Washington, DC 20052. Phone: (202) 994-5757; fax: (202) 994-5436.

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**GW EXPERT TO CO-CHAIR TERRORISM FORUM
WITH U.S. GLOBAL STRATEGY COUNCIL AUGUST 3**

WHAT: "Terrorism: The Next Phase?", a press briefing and forum sponsored by the United States Global Strategy Council in cooperation with The George Washington University and the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism of the State University of New York. GW research professor Yonah Alexander will co-chair the event with Ray S. Cline, chairman of the U.S. Global Strategy Council.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 3, 1993
10 a.m. to 12 noon

WHERE: The International Club of Washington
1800 K Street, NW
Level B-1
(Farragut West Metro, Blue and Orange Lines)

Background:

The forum will address threats to U.S. security posed by acts of international terrorism, especially in light of the recent bombing of the World Trade Center and alleged plots to bomb key targets in New York City. Speakers will include Prof. Alexander; Capt. Thomas J. Connelly (USN), Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Kevin P. Giblin, Senior Intelligence Officer for Counter-terrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Kenneth Timmerman, Subcommittee on International Security, House Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-NY) has also been invited to attend.

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**WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST E.J. DIONNE JR.
TO DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
AT GW'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL MANAGEMENT**

E.J. Dionne Jr., political columnist and editorialist for *The Washington Post*, will deliver the commencement address at The Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) at The George Washington University on Saturday, July 24, 1993. Dionne will speak on "Why Americans Hate Politics," the title of his recently published and highly acclaimed book.

Dionne graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. from Harvard University and attended Oxford University from 1973 to 1975 as a Rhodes Scholar. He received his doctorate from Oxford in 1982 and was a visiting scholar at the University of Virginia's Center for Public Service from 1989 to 1990. In addition to his work for *The Washington Post*, Dionne has published numerous articles in academic books and journals.

Twenty-nine graduates will receive the Master of Professional Studies in Political Management degree from Jerald F. TerHorst, press secretary to former President Gerald R. Ford and chair of the GSPM's board of trustees. The commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 24, 1993 at 1:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater in GW's Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, NW.

The Graduate School of Political Management at The George Washington University is the nation's first school of professional politics, offering a Master's degree in political management. The GSPM's programs are designed to give people interested in careers in professional politics the skills they need in an increasingly sophisticated environment.

The school emphasizes professional training, field experience and a disciplined consideration of ethical problems associated with modern political practice, and strives to give students the proficiency and perspective required to achieve leadership positions in public and political life.

Media wishing to attend the commencement ceremony should contact Sam Silverstein in the GW Office of Public Affairs, (202) 994-6460, pager (202) 996-5359.

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**GW'S LISNER AUDITORIUM TO HOST
DANCE INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON'S THIRD ANNUAL SUMMER SERIES**

**August 5th and 6th Event Part of DC ART/WORKS'
1993 Summer Youth Employment Program**

What: DC ART/WORKS' Summer Youth Employment Program and the Dance Institute of Washington present the Third Annual Summer Concert Series

Where: Lisner Auditorium
730 21st Street
(Three blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metro)

When: August 5th & 6th
7:30 p.m.

Background:

Established in 1987 by Fabian Barnes of the world-renowned Dance Theatre of Harlem (DTH), the Dance Institute of Washington offers Washington youth the opportunity to work and train with DTH dancers. DTH faculty for the Institute's 1993 program include Fabian Barnes, Dean Anderson and Tassia Hooks -- all experienced dance teachers and choreographers in their own rights.

The program's mission is to teach and inspire participating young dancers in classical ballet, modern dance and jazz dance techniques and to provide the trainees and local community audiences with the exciting experience of a dynamic dance performance series.

The Dance Institute of Washington's summer training program is a work/training site of DC ART/WORKS. The 1993 program is sponsored by DC ART/WORKS in co-operation with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and with The George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium. Major funding for the summer workshops is provided by the D.C. Department of Employment Services and the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

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The Lisner Auditorium concerts will feature both repertory and original works performed by the Dance Institute's senior training program students -- who are 16 to 21 years old and are working in the Kennedy Center Studios.

The program will include choreographic works by Alvin Ailey faculty members Tyrion Aiken and Ray Tadio and works by DTH dancers Fabian Barns, Tassia Hooks and Dean Anderson. The August 5th evening performance will include special guest performances by DTH principals Donald Williams and Kellye Gordon in the "Le Corsaire" pas de deux. Lisa Attles of DTH, who is known for her role as Medea, will perform "Mother's Prayer" on both evenings.

Ticket prices for the performances are \$5 for general admission and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens. For further information and ticket reservations contact DC ART/WORKS at (202) 727-4045. Members of the media interested in covering the event should contact Nora Kelley at the GW Office of University Relations, (202) 994-6460.

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GW MBA STUDENTS COMPETE TO LAUNCH A NEW TWIST IN HAIR CARE

**August 9 advertising competition to focus on
David Daines Madison Avenue Collection
a temperature-sensitive hair care line**

Washington, DC -- Students from George Washington University Professor Lynda Maddox's Marketing 248 class will get a real taste of high fashion advertising as they vie to create the best marketing plan for a revolutionary idea in hair care -- a line that adjusts to the ups and downs of the weather. The temperature sensitive line, David Daines Madison Avenue Collection, was introduced last year and has already built a loyal following in all the Nordstrom Department Stores in the Northeast buying area.

The advertising competition, to be held on August 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tyson's Corner Marriott, will serve as the culmination of six weeks of preparation. Breaking into groups of five, students will form their own "advertising companies" charged with developing a one-year advertising campaign designed to increase distribution and sales.

In preparation for the contest, students must conduct market research and choose media -- print, radio, television, billboards or anything else they think will do the job -- all within a specified budget. The August 9th competition will entail a 20 minute presentation by each student team -- complete with creatives and audio visuals. The winning team will receive a day of beauty at the Washington affiliate La Coupe New York, Inc.

"The competition really makes students do much better work because they have to get out of the classroom and perform in front of a real world client," says Maddox. "It gives them that extra spark that bridges the gap between student and professional."

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The David Daines Madison Avenue Collection is the brainchild of New York hairstylists David Daines and Peter Green. Daines has been at the forefront of hair fashions for almost two decades. He has designed hairstyles for top models of major designers like Halston and Calvin Klein. Green, who began his career in London with Vidal Sassoon, co-founded La Coupe New York, Inc. -- a top level hair salon. He has also done extensive work with *Vogue*, *Bazaar* and *Cosmopolitan*.

"Clients would frequently complain that their hair was unruly when the temperature changed," said Daines. "So we decided to dispense with the usual options of Dry, Normal or Oily, and focus instead on conditions such as humidity, dry air, and exposure to sunlight, wind, and salt Water."

Members of the press interested in covering the August 9 event should contact Nora Kelley at The George Washington University Office of University Relations, (202) 994-6460.

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**GW LAW PROFESSOR AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS OF BONDHOLDERS RIGHTS,
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE ETHICS**

The George Washington University National Law Center Professor Lawrence E. Mitchell is an expert on bondholders' and stakeholders' rights; corporate governance and finance; and securities regulation. He believes that the recent trend toward relationship investing "has the potential to replicate the dangerous and irresponsible concentration of corporate wealth that characterized the early 20th century." Professor Mitchell is available for commentary and analysis of these and other corporate law issues and can be reached at his office, (202) 994-0912.

Educated at Columbia University School of Law and Williams College, Mitchell has held professional positions in several New York City law firms and was associate professor of law at the Albany Law School of Union University before joining The George Washington University in July of 1991.

Mitchell has extensive experience in merger and acquisition transactions, securities transactions, venture capital transactions and corporate counseling.

His many publications include: A Critical Look at Corporate Governance, Vanderbilt Law Review; A Theoretical and Practical Framework for Enforcing Corporate Constituency Statutes, Texas Law Review; The Fairness Rights of Corporate Bondholders, N.Y.U. Law Review; The Death of Fiduciary Duty in Close Corporations, University of Pennsylvania Law Review; Close Corporations and Professional Responsibility: Toward a Realistic Ethic, Cornell Law Review; and Corporate Finance and Governance: Cases, Materials and Problems for an Advanced course in Corporations, a textbook co-authored with GW Law Professor Lewis D. Solomon.



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GW TERRORISM EXPERT AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS/COMMENTARY

Professor Yonah Alexander, who has been directing seminars on terrorism at The George Washington University for the past five years, has just returned from Europe where he lectured on terrorism at several international conferences.

In addition to his GW appointment, Professor Alexander is also director of the State University of New York Institute for Studies in International Terrorism and senior fellow in Low-Intensity Conflict and Terrorism at the U.S. Global Strategy Council. He has published over 50 books and founded and edited Terrorism: An International Journal and Terrorism: An International Resource File. He is currently working on a new volume, Islamic Terrorism: Threats and Responses.

Professor Alexander will be available for interviews on terrorism and the U.S., Middle East terrorism and other related subjects.

Professor Alexander can be contacted at his office (202) 994-5757, his home (301) 921-0785 or through the Office of University Relations (202) 994-6460.

Background:

Yonah Alexander currently serves as a scholar in residence in terrorism studies at The George Washington University; director of the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism,

State University of New York; and senior fellow, Low-Intensity Conflict and Terrorism Program, U.S. Global Strategy Council. He has been a consultant on terrorism to the U.S. Congress, government agencies, business, civic organizations and the media.

Educated at Columbia University, University of Chicago and University of Toronto, Alexander has taught at The American University, Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America, Hebrew University, the State University of New York and The George Washington University. He also lectured at various places throughout the world including Amsterdam, Ankara, Beijing, Berkeley, Berlin, Brussels, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Caracas, Geneva, Harvard, London, Los Alamos, Mexico City, Moscow, Oxford, Paris, Princeton, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Stanford, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo and Warsaw.

Alexander has appeared on many television and radio programs in more than twenty countries. He has been a guest on *Nightline*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Face the Nation* and network evening news programs. His numerous articles and interviews have appeared in both the U.S. and the international press.

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BOOKS FOR CROOKS EXPANDS ITS EFFORTS TO REPAIR PRISON LIBRARIES

Eleven Boxes of Law Books Delivered to Lorton Prison

Washington, DC -- As prison populations expand and resources decline, prison libraries are deteriorating across the country. Books for Crooks, a unique pro bono project developed at The George Washington University National Law Center, helps prison systems and inmates cope with the growing crisis by donating law books to prison libraries.

Most recently, students at The George Washington University National Law Center donated eleven boxes of law books to be sent to Lorton Prison. Little, Brown & Company, a Boston and Toronto-based publisher, also provided books.

Established by GW National Law Center Professor Jonathan Turley in 1990, Books for Crooks provides a wide variety of legal references -- including Constitutional law, family law and contract law -- that afford inmates greater control and understanding of the legal issues they face.

"Legal books enable prisoners to work on cases themselves which saves time and resources for the system," said Turley. In addition to their criminal appeals, many prisoners require access to libraries for personal and familial needs. "Most people don't get divorced when they go into prison," said Turley. "We give them books that will allow them to continue to manage family matters." The more that can be done to help inmates keep their families together the less likely they are to end up in prison again once they are released, Turley stresses.

Turley got the idea for Books for Crooks while clerking at the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals which has jurisdiction over Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi. Inundated by the number of badly prepared briefs, many based on cases that had been overruled years before, Turley realized he could help the inmates prepare more effective briefs, and cut down on frivolous lawsuits, by providing them with up-to-date legal reference materials. "Many of the prisons didn't even have libraries," said Turley. "And those that did had reference books that were grossly out of date -- especially Constitutional law which becomes outdated very quickly."

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Last year Books for Crooks sent shipments of books to prisons in Virginia, D.C., Minnesota and Louisiana. The program supplies books only to prisons that will make them accessible to all prisoners -- not a select and privileged few. Donated texts may not be used as rewards or withheld as punishment. Plans for the future include video-taped legal courses, which Turley believes will be more easily understandable to the large percentage of inmates who have no more than a sixth-grade education.

Books for Crooks is an offshoot of Turley's larger Program for Older Prisoners (POPS). Founded in 1989 as a pro bono project at the Tulane Law School in New Orleans, La., POPS has been the national leader in developing new legislation and policies for older prisoners in both the federal and state systems. Turley opened a second office in Washington, D.C. when he joined the National Law Center faculty in 1990.

POPS does not charge for its services. The offices are run by law students, roughly 200 in Louisiana and 75 in D.C., who work without compensation. The two independent POPS offices continue to operate with both legislative and prison review projects. In addition to working with six states on a continual basis, POPS assists legislation and policy initiatives across the country.